

TRAINING CAMP FOR NEGROES DEFERRED

Secretary of War, Newton D. Baker
Tells Delegation from the N. A. A.
C. P. That the War Department, has
not, Decided Upon a Training Camp
for Negroes. Laxity Indicates Gov-
ernment is not Particular About
Training Colored Men to be Officers

A delegation, consisting of Dr. J. Spingarn, of New York, Moorfield Storey, of Boston, Archibald H. Grimké, Prof. Geo. W. Cook, Prof. Montgomery Gregory, James W. Robinson, James A. Cobb, Dean Kelly Miller, Whitfield Med. Kinley, and Roy Nash had an interview with Secretary of War Newton D.

Baker on Friday morning, April 27. Dr. Spigarn acted as spokesman and asked that the Secretary immediately authorize General Wood to invite three hundred Colored men to enter Plattsburg or any other of the regular training camps which have just been instituted. The secretary replied that he could not do this at this time, but that he was seriously considering the whole matter and was committed to the plan for training Colored officers for Colored regiments. He stated he had not decided whether to have a separate battalion of Colored officers in a regular camp or a separate and distinct camp for colored officers, and would take "whatever was least offensive to the Colored people."

This means that an opportunity for the training of Colored officers will probably be deferred until the end of the present camp. That is to say, until about September 1. It is not impossible, however, that a camp may be organized before that time, and it is incumbent upon all the Colored people of the country to get together and make a fight for this form of training. Nothing is more important at this time than that Colored men should be given an opportunity to train themselves as officers.

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The names of applicants now in the hands of Dr. Spingarn will be retained for future use, and sent further applications should be sent to Roy Nash, 70 Fifth Avenue, New York. Every man who is qualified to be a soldier should not only send an application to me, but should write to his Congressman urging the latter to insist on officers' training for Colored people. Dr. Spingarn in an interview said:

"On February 13 I sent an open letter to the Colored people of the country, urging them to apply for admission to a camp for Colored officers. I did not favor such a separate camp, but I realized that if we could only definitely commit the War Department to the training of Colored officers, when war was declared, that precedent would hold and Colored officers would get training immediately. I have made

this fight all alone, with the help of only two or three men like Dean Picken and Prof. Cook. If the whole Colored world had risen and demanded such training at that time regardless of their differences, the same would

have been assured and Colored men would now be getting training as officers. As it is, that training must now be deferred for two or three months, and I urge all men, white and black, to start an organized campaign to see that the Secretary of War does not forget his promise."

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STULTIFIED PATRIOTISM.

In many cities East, West, North, South, meetings are being held public demonstrations made and even young women are being pressed into service to entice the men to join the army. Hugh signs, moving pictures and every imaginable device is being used, not only in the cities, but in the rural districts and country towns to their men to a full realization that "Your Country Needs You." On the street corners, in public places, in private places, the constant sign is before one's eyes, *Men Wanted* for the army, for the Navy, for the Marine Corps.

The constant plea for men is enough to stir the most indifferent to the height of patriotism. These appealing entreaties make the Negro forget the injustices that are heaped upon him in this country. It makes him feel that the only country that he knows anything about is in *danger* and needs his aid. The picture of the sign, *Men Wanted* is constantly before him. He makes up his mind that he will answer the call. Full of enthusiasm and patriotism he presents himself to the nearest recruiting office, for enlistment, only to be met with the reply, "No Colored Wanted." As he stands there a few minutes, he sees the officer in charge barging men and mere boys who happened to be white to come and join. He hears him tell them of the opportunities for travel and education; hears him tell them of meritorious service and promotion; hears this officer tell of compensation offered by the government and civilians to those who enlist now. All of this is done before his eyes. Then we see him turn his face in the direction from whence he came, with his enthusiasm turned into coolness and his patriotism stultified.

The conscription bill does not mean the colored man, because he has always been ready when given a chance as volunteer. It is well known that he is no "slacker," but is always ready to do his "bit" in defense of his country. Why should the government at this time, when the enemies are without and within suffer, a class of its most loyal citizens to be further humiliated?

Those signs should state class or the color of men, or the word men should be clearly defined. The Negroes of this country at a time like this want to feel as other men. They are gathering in their churches and places of assemblages and pledging their loyalty, working up enthusiasm and patriotism. But what will happen when he wants to prove his loyalty? He is told that he is not wanted. This condition is not right, it is not just. "The mills of God grind slowly, but exceedingly fine."

THE GERMAN SUBTERFUGE.

Recently the Southern Press has been loud in its attack on the German "spies" whom it is claimed are invading every rural district in the South spreading disloyal propaganda among Negroes. The Negroes throughout the country who know something of the various methods used by the white man of the South to create public sentiment against the Negro, looked upon the "German Agent" agitation with suspicion. Every one well acquainted with conditions in the South could see that there were ulterior motives in this accusation. The real motive was to "strike the Negro and hide their hands behind the German plot."

Murder Behind the Plot.

The best informed foresaw that murder and intimidation would follow. This fact is borne out by recent attacks on Negroes in Arkansas. It is reported that Negroes are not allowed to meet in their lodge rooms. Officers are raiding their meetings, taking their records and books. In some instances Negroes have been fired upon.

Public Whipping Posts have been instituted in some sections and a Negro girl, Ollie Lumsey, was tied to one post, the men and boys of the town publicly whipping her. One reporter says that the blood ran down her back to the street. A Negro youth, Chester Dunn was shot and killed while fleeing the mob. Two other Negroes were shot, and several have been driven from their homes. This is the real reason for all of this talk of German Negro plot. It is high time for the white men of the South to wake up and come to the full realization that they "cannot fool all the people all the time."

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Sunday morning at 7 o'clock, Holy Communion will be administered by Rev. S. E. Arthur, who was the preacher last Sunday at 11 o'clock. At 11 o'clock there will be morning prayer with sermon, and at 8 p.m. evening prayer. All are invited to attend these services.

LAME TABERNACLE G. M. E. CHURCH NOTES

Dr. N. L. Smith, pastor, has returned after spending several days in Jackson, Tenn., attending the General Board of the G. M. E. Church. He will fill the pulpit Sunday. Rev. J. A. Winters, of Chicago, Ill., former pastor, will preach Sunday afternoon.

The rally is near at hand, let every captain and member strive to do their best in this effort. Strangers are always welcome.

Dr. J. W. Gilbert, of Augusta, Ga., en route to General Board, spent Saturday and Sunday with Dr. Smith. Sunday evening he preached a great sermon. The pastor was at himself and swayed the audience with his unusual eloquence.

METROPOLITAN NOTES

The beginning of the first week's festivities at Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion Church is meeting with splendid success. Every night has proven a rare treat. Monday night, May 7, is scheduled as the big overflow night, as Miss Jeanette Brown, of Chicago, will appear there.

Last Sunday was another record breaker. Rev. Dr. R. G. Shaw, delivered one of those great unadorned sermons that swept sixteen new members into the church during the day. Between seventy-five and one hundred young men went to the altar for prayer. The pastor will close his series of sermons on The Second Advent of Jesus Christ, Sunday, May 8. Special music every Sunday by the choir.

ST. PAUL A. M. E. CHURCH

Sunday, April 29, was a day long to be remembered by the congregation who worshipped at St. Paul at both the morning and evening services. Dr. Johnson selected for his discourse "Predestination" in the morning, which was full of spiritual power. Come and hear him and be convinced. A special invitation to leaders.

The thirty-four class members responded to the \$5.00 call Sunday morning as did the faithful stewards and trustees. The classes and auxiliaries reported in the afternoon and closed at the close of class Tuesday night \$1,203.93 was reported and a few reports are still to come. In the aftermath was \$1,450. Bro. S. R. Stanley, director of the class, walked off with the blue ribbon by reporting \$100.00 for his class. Bishop Parks was with us at a short while Tuesday night.

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Mrs. Curtinold Dies At Boley, Ok.

Boley, Oklahoma, where she went with Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Haines, eight years ago. Mrs. Curtinold was 79 years old, and while residing in St. Louis was a well known member of St. Paul's Chapel.

She died at the home of Mr. Dennis Haines, after a lingering illness of one year, of rheumatism of the stomach. She made many friends in Boley, and was held in such high esteem that all business houses closed their doors on the day of her funeral, and the people turned out en masse to attend the funeral, which was conducted at the A. M. E. Church, by four of the leading ministers of the town.

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AND LOCAL NOTES

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Mrs. Jennie Sanders, of 4333 Finney Ave., is able to be out again, after an illness of several weeks.

The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Jones, 3105 Caroline St., and left a fine boy.

Mr. L. M. Shackelford left the city Friday on route for his home, Detroit, Mich., after spending several weeks here with old friends.

Don't miss the first of the Deluxe Matinees dances at Alhambra, Saturday, May 12, 3 to 7 p. m.

There will be a matinee dance given by the Jolly Junior Club Saturday afternoon, May 12, 1917, from 1 to 7 o'clock at Douglas Hall.

Mrs. Myrtle Bronson-Searlock, wife of Dr. Searlock, of Carthage, Mo., returned home last Sunday after a two week visit with her mother, Mrs. Eva Bronson, 3310 Pine.

G. C. Martin, National Deputy, American Woodmen, has returned to this city after spending a week in Louisville in the interest of the craft. He is also the "Fall City" is all right and on his next trip a large camp will be set up in Louisville.

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BABY WEEK

See the "Girls' Department" in full bloom at Wheatley Branch Sunday, May 6.

Dr. Elmer Wilkins, of Memphis, Tenn., is the guest of Dr. E. J. Gregg, 4033 West Belle.

Mr. Maurice Grant, 4018 Cook, was host to the T. M. C. Club Wednesday, May 2. This club's prizes and won by a series of whist game points.

Mrs. Lucy Thurman, of Detroit, Michigan, has purchased a home site at 4420 West Belle. Dr. and Mrs. P. R. Thurman will remove to that address in the near future.

Mrs. Mariah Waters, of Jonesboro, Mo., returned home after spending a pleasant week with her daughter, Mrs. Madeline Hubbard, Nelson and Hill, of 21 S. Compton.

Mrs. J. Hemingway, of 4045 Cook Ave., was badly burned about the face, Sunday morning when her gas range exploded. She is much improved at present.

Motto—Do business with a neighbor, whenever this is possible, but at any rate do business with your own race—American Woodmen.

Mrs. Littlejohn, of 2720 Adams St., returned her week from Chicago, where she attended the funeral of Mr. Will Copeland. Mr. Copeland was formerly of Columbus, Miss., and a dear friend of the family.

The Mizpah "500" Club met at the residence of Mrs. Geo. Catrell, 3023 Lorton on Wednesday afternoon. A number of games of 500 were played after which the hostess served a delectable luncheon. At the departure of the members they all declared that they had enjoyed a delightful afternoon.

DEATHS OF THE WEEK

Wm. H. Bedman, 4240 N. Market, 62; Sule Lee, Cleveland, Ohio, 30; John Taylor, 1603 Morgan, 29; Alice Smith, 210 N. 23rd St., 24; Annie Robinson, 2707 Morgan, 34; Mollie Smith, 3436 Lorton, 63; Della Ray, 2648 Morgan, 63; Onit McCallister, 2291 N. Charles, 24; Sam Deering, 409 S. 15th St., 24; Lot Ross, 3028 Lorton, 36; James Hamilton, 2745 Walnut, 84; Pauline Smith, 2224 Market Pl., 24; Henrietta Pollard, 1837 St. Charles, 40; Edna E. Cooper, 4241 Walnut, 13 days; Thomas Sanders, 1614 Morgan, 24; Edna E. Smith, 211 S. 16th, 42; Elgie Kelly, 2307 1/2 Sheridan, 42; Lucy Early, 217 Valentine, 30; Annie Jones, New Haven, Mo., 43; Samuel Duke, 4048 Park, 41; Richard Sears, 4049 Washington, 20; Will McCourtney, 4290 Kennedy, 35; Sterling Jones, Kansas City, Mo., 27; Ernest Shavers, 2223 Randolph, 17; Mary Massey, 2745 Walnut, 17; Edward M. Tait, 5040 Easton, 56; James Hill, Cairo, Ill., 61; Nellie Shaper, 2835 Morgan, 62; Emma Jones, 2011 Wash., 62; Vivian Siddie, 2830 Bernard, 11 months.

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